

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the final office action dated August 30, 2005. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 14-23 are pending in this application.

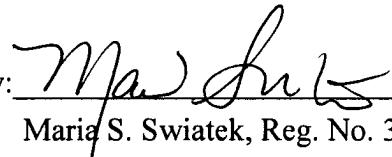
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's statement regarding allowable subject matter and that claims 16-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended to recite in independent form all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e. Claim 13). Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from Claim 16. Claims 17 to 23 all depend from Claim 16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 14 to 23 be allowed.

With respect to all amendments and cancelled claims, Applicant has not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-68000/MSS (464334-112)).

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